

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:            | ) |                            |
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| Keisuke Chino                    | ) | Group Art Unit: 1796       |
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| For: Thermoplastic Elastomer and | ) |                            |
| Thermoplastic Elastomer          | ) |                            |
| Composition                      | ) |                            |

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.